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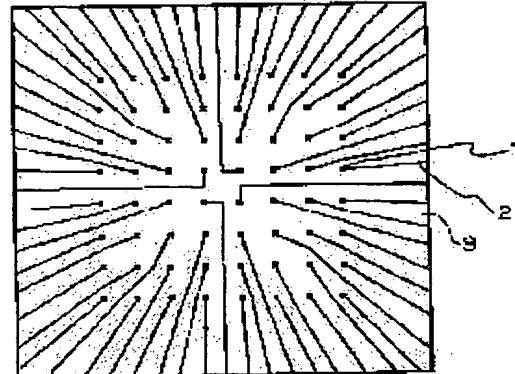
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(54) INTEGRATED COMPOSITE ELECTRODE

(57)Abstract:

PURPOSE: To enable the simultaneous multipoint excitation and record of the neurocytes over a long period of time and to enhance responsiveness by limiting the length on one side or diameter of square or circular electrodes to a specific range.

CONSTITUTION: This integrated composite electrode has plural pieces of the electrodes 1 which are equal in the nearest inter-electrode distance to each other on an insulating substrate 3. Lead wires 2 are approximately radially disposed from the electrodes 1 and an insulating layer to cover these lead wires 2 is provided. The shape of the electrodes 1 is preferably formed to the circular or square shape in order to maintain the specified nearest inter-electrode distance. The change in the potential V to be measured decreases when a resistance value R decreases when a current value I is constant. Namely, the electrical activity of the cells to be measured decreases and S/N falls. The electrode area is, therefore, required to be prudently adjusted. Then, the electrodes 1 are the square or circular shape and the length or diameter of the one side is specified to the value larger than 20 μ m and smaller than 200 μ m.



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